

**2013 Master Study Resolution Items Assigned to the
Judiciary Interim Committee**

*Committee members please prioritize your top ten study items, with 1 being the highest priority and
10 being the lowest.*

Item Assigned by the Legislative Management Committee as Priority:

To study Utah Code Section 77-22-2.5 “Administrative subpoenas for criminal investigations for records concerning an electronic communications system or service or remote computing service – Content – Fee for providing information.”

Items Assigned by the Master Study Resolution:

_____ 110. and 114. Circuit Court System - to study placing misdemeanors and family law in a new, recreated circuit court system, leaving traffic violations in justice court with other minor citations, and leaving felonies in district courts. **(J. Peterson)**

_____ 111. and 112. Civil Expungement - to study what needs to happen when a civil case is finished, settled, or dismissed. Once judgment is paid, the case should disappear and not be discoverable.

(D. Brown)

_____ 113. Court Fees for Political Subdivisions - to study how municipalities, towns, or counties may be required to pay court fees under certain circumstances (S.B. 245). **(Thatcher)**

_____ 115. Divorce Orientation - to study divorce orientation course timing. **(Nielson)**

_____ 116. Early Case Resolution - to study ways to make the judicial process more efficient and effective. **(Seelig)**

_____ 120. Marriage Mediators - to study the marriage mediation process prior to a court appearance. **(Mayne)**

_____ 121. Parent-time Amendments - to study an optional parent-time schedule that may result in joint physical custody (H.B. 314). **(V. Peterson)**

_____ 122. Persons Under 18 - to study the classification of persons under the age of 18 in the Utah Code. **(Seelig)**

_____ 123. Prejudgment Interest Revisions - to study whether Utah should update or revise its prejudgment interest statutes. **(Weiler)**

_____ 124. Product Liability Amendments - to study product liability for defects of property manufactured outside the United States (H.B. 161). **(McKell)**

_____ 125. Protecting Children in Situations of Custody or Visitation - to study the protection of children placed in situations of custody or visitation with parents who are suspects, persons of interest, or actively involved in felony murder or homicide investigations. **(Weiler)**

_____ 126. Reciprocal Provision for Birth Fathers - to study whether Utah should have a reciprocal provision for birth fathers who register in their home state to perfect their rights in an adoption. **(Weiler)**

_____ 127. Recording and Transcribing Legal Proceedings - to study whether persons who are not licensed as court reporters should be allowed to record depositions and other legal proceedings and to prepare a transcript of those recordings. **(Weiler)**

_____ 128. Rights of Parents and Children Amendments - to study whether to permit a parent who has been served with a petition for termination of parental rights to request a jury trial (H.B. 313). **(Christensen)**

_____ 129. Role of Custody Evaluators - to study the role of custody evaluators in the custody system and the significant impact they have on custody issues in courts, and receive input on ways to reform the custody system as it relates to custody evaluators, if necessary. **(Oda and Hillyard)**

_____ Adoption Amendments – to study second-parent adoptions (H.B. 214) **(Chavez-Houck)**